issue it in the name of the disciplinary authority. It is not correct to say that faulty case was initiated in the first instance. Hence no action against the concerned officials for initiating the case wase considered necessary.

Transparency in International business transactions

2586. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken fresh initiatives in their flight to curb corruption, th ough formulating effective laws, policies and anti-corruption programmes, with national and international cooperation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps proposed to enhance transparency and accountability in international business transactions and public administration; and

(d) whether similar measures being taken in various States have been reviewed recently for sharper focus in dealing with the problems more effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S R BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (c) The Government is fully alive to the need to eradicate corruption at all levels of administration and is committed to ensure a clean administration. The policies in this regard have been formulated and are being continuously monitored and modified in order to make them more effective to the changing environment. The Central Vigilance Commission, the Central Bureau of Investigation, the internal vigilance set-up in the Ministries/Departments, and the agencies apart from the Administrative Vigilance Division in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, which are involved in the task checking corruption through a th pronged strategy of preventive vi lance, surveillance and detection deterrent punitive action. Besi continuous efforts are made t time to time to formulate poli and enter into bilateral arra ments for international cooperat to curb trans-national corrupti The Interpol is actively playing role in this regard. Furtherm the Narcotics Control Bureau in role as nodal agency to coordi national and international anti-n cotics law enforcement, has a vi lance set-up to investigate all co pl ints of corruption and malp tices against NCB officers.

With a view to eradicating corr tion from public life, the Prevent of Corruption Act was originally e acted in 1947. This Act has furt been strengthened by the enactm of the Prevention of Corruption A 1988, which is more comprehens The Act of 1988 provides for:—

(i) Widening the scope of d nition of the term "Public S v nt", including therein the c bearers of registered Coopera Societies engaged in Agricul Industry, Trade and Banking a

(ii) Incorporation of provis for setting up of Special Court try offences under this Act

(iii) Incorporation of offe under Section 161 to 165-A of IPC; and

(iv) Incorporation of defini of the term "known sources of come" (to mean only lawful so ces of income)

The preventive measure, duly s ported by various Conduct Rules ming the service conditions public servants, act as deter against corruption.

Besides, there already exist separate and comprehensive legisla and statutory provisions to enab

the malady of corruption from public life and punish those who are found guilty.

In order to look into the allegations of corruption against high public functionaries, a Lok Pal Bill has been introduced in the Parliament on 13th September, 1996. It had been referred to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs for examination and report, which has been received by the Government. To ensure greater transparency the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India have been requested to initiate steps for providing greater access to information in the organisations under their charge.

(d) The various aspects of Effective and Responsive Government were discussed in the Conference of Chief Ministers of States/UTs held on 24.5.97, with emphasis on three themes namely, accountable and citizen friendly Government, transparency and right to information and the performance and integrity of the public services.

Clarification of the term central autonomous body

2587. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Quest.on 3558 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1997 and State:

(a) whether the term Central Autonomous Body for the purpose of counting of service for pension on mobility of personnel between a Central Government Department and a Central Autonomous Body under DP & AR O M dated 29th August, 1984 is to be understood in terms of clarification given under O.M. No. 4 /12/85-P&PW dated 31st March, 1987; and

(b) whether the clarification of the term "Central Autonomous Body" given in the O.M dated 31st March, 1987 is in relation to the term "Central Autonomous Body" as used in used in the Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 26(18)-EV(B)/75 dated the 8th April, 1976?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The purport of this part of the Question is not clear. The policy regarding counting of past service on mobility of personnel between Central Government Departments and Central Autonomous Bodies, laid down in orders dated 29.8.1984 is self-contained and has been well defined. The definition of Central Autonomous Body has been further clarified in O M. dated 31-3-1987. Organisations like public sector banks/ Insurance Corporation were treated as Central Autonomous Bodies for the limited purpose of payment of prorata pensionary benefits to Central Government employees moving to these organisations, vide O M. No. 4/8/84 P&PW dated 14.5.1986. The policy laid down in the matter is clear and unambiguous.

Transfer of C. B. I. Officer of Special Investigation Team probing Bofors case

2588. SHRI K R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen reports of B M Oza's book 'Bofors: The Ambassador's Evidence' on the Bofors bribe which appeared in the Pioneer, dated the 6th July, 1997;

(b) what is Government's reaction to these revelations;

(c) what is the action taken and/ or proposed to be taken in the matter by Government;